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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO GABORONE LONDON LUSAKA MAPUTO  
NAIROBI PRETORIA USUN NEW YORK FROM DAR ES SALAAM DTD 06 AUG 1976  
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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN ATTITUDES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS

1. EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR WITH CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS IN TANZANIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD ME AUGUST 5 THAT:

(A) PAPER HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT RECENT OAU LIBERATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING DAR ES SALAAM PROPOSING CO-OPTION OF ANGOLA'S  
NETO AS "FIFTH FRONTLINE PRESIDENT". NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN  
BECAUSE COMMITTEE SESSION WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH DJIBOUTI SSSUE,  
BUT MAPUTO AND LUANDA WERE REPORTEDLY CONTINUING TO DISCUSS  
MATTER.

(B) SENIOR TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAD RECENTLY  
REMARKED THAT "EVEN IF AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA SHOULD

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SUCCEED, WE WOULD NOT NOW BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

OF IT BECAUSE OF DISUNITY WITHIN ANC."

2. COMMENT: (A) ABOVE STRIKES US AS CREDITABLE AND  
CONFIRMS IDEA EARLIER SUGGESTED BY SOCIALIST COUNTRY AMBASSADOR  
HERE. (B) IS NOT NEW IDEA, BUT THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE  
HEARD TANGOV ACTUALLY ADMIT IT. THIS REALIZATION OF FACTS  
LIKELY BE ONE REASON BEHIND CONTINUED EMPHASIS HERE ON NAMIBIA  
AS PRIORITY TARGET FOR WESTERN EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT  
MAY ALSO HELP EXPLAIN CONTINUING AND SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS LOCAL  
EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO "REPORTED US PRESSURE ON UK  
TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN RHODESIA."  
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